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Applicant: Driesen et al.

Serial Number: 09/803,132

For: Bristle for a Toothbrush, Particularly for an
Electric Toothbrush, and Method for its
Manufacture

Examiner: Edwards

Group Art Unit: 1744

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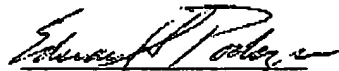
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-23, without prejudice, and substitute prior to examination the following claims:

--24. A toothbrush bristle, said bristle comprising a plastic monofilament defining in a cross-sectional area thereof at least first and second adjoining zones and at least one region of preferred breaking between said first and second zones.

25. The toothbrush bristle as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first zone comprises a first plastic material and the second zone comprises a second plastic material, and wherein said first plastic material differs from said second plastic material.

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